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Meadow Farm  
Conowingo Road  
Darlington, MD 21034

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Walnut Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Meadow Farm**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Conowingo Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ ACCESSIBLE☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Paul JaegerTelephone #: 457-4958

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Conowingo Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21034**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Liber #: 671Folio #: 339

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house on Meadow Farm is located off Route 1, Conowingo Road in Darlington. It faces northeast.

The largest unit of this house is a two and one half story clapboard structure built onto high rubble stone foundations. The basement is lighted. The unit is three bays by two.

This portion of the house is believed to have been built between 1825 to 1830. The gable flank slate roof has a box cornice and wide eaves. A corbeled brick chimney is located on the eastern slope and the western slope of the roof's south end. These are on the inside gable end. Two pedimented gable dormers are located on the eastern slope of the roof. Sashes are six lights over six with the upper sash being slightly curved. The dormers' roof and sides are slate covered.

This unit of the house is laid out in a side through hall floor plan. The principle entrance is on the eastern facade. The wide, Dutch door has a four light transom overhead. The corresponding door on the west is also large: it has six small moulded panels on the upper part and two larger panels on the lower. Both doors have brass and iron box locks. Each door has a one story entrance porch with square columns. The porch on the east has seven steps leading up to the entrance landing.

Windows through out this unit have six over six sashes. The windows have louvered shutters. The two upper level windows and attic windows on the south gable end are nestled between the chimneys. An enclosed porch runs the length of the south gable end at the first elevation. This summer porch was added around 1895.

Inside, the house has two rooms off the side through hall. Each room is approximately 17 square feet. This unit has its original pine floors. Fireplaces are in each room on the first and second elevation. The fireplaces in the east rooms have been altered for use by the furnace.

The hall stairway is located in the southwest corner. It has a plain handrail and newel and low treds. A door has been cut into the wall at the top of the stairs for access to a bedroom in a unit added in about 1880. An entrance to the next unit is near the center of the north wall. This has an eight panel door. The next unit is on a much lower level than the first.

The middle unit is three bays long and two stories high. It is built onto low rubblestone foundations. The unit had originally been one story but its roof was raised in the 1800's. The first elevation's east facade is stuccoed, walls elsewhere are plain clapboard. Windows on the west facade are six lights over six and have louvered shutters. A wide, plain doorway is in the center bay. The door is not original. The slate roof is gable flank and there is a corbeled brick chimney located at its north inside end.

The west facade of this unit was altered in the 1880's by the Evans family. Two small, 6/6 windows are near this side's north end. A wide door with a four

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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1798 Federal Tax List  
1814 Maryland Tax List

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Baltimore, 1901.

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Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford  
Heritage, French Bray Press,  
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Harford Directory, 1953.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bordered by Rt. 1 Conowingo Road on the South, Rt. 623 on the west and the property of John A. Silver on the north.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

102 South Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

DATE

April, 1978

TELEPHONE

838-6000, ext. 207

STATE

Maryland 21014

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: <u>Meadow Farm</u>	
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>The old Massey place</u>	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Lane enters north-east off Route 1, Conowingo Road, about</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Darlington</u> <u>0.2 mi northwest of Rte 161 on</u>	
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/> Bath <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME: <u>Meadow Farm Estate</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Conowingo Road</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Darlington</u>	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <u>CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u> <u>40 S. MAIN ST.</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>BEL AIR</u>	STATE: <u>MARYLAND</u>
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: <u> </u>	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: <u> </u>	
DATE OF SURVEY: <u> </u> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <u> </u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u> </u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u> </u>	STATE: <u> </u>

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COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Old <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame house in three parts, facing south, ridgepole running east-west. West section 2½ stories, 3 bays by 2, peaked dormers in south side of roof, long porch on west side of house, portico over front (south) door. Stone upper, lighted. Middle section two stories over a much lower basement, three bays by 2, two rooms deep. ~~Remains~~ East section two bays, now extended to the north to a second room and bath for separate apartment. There are three chimneys, one in the west wall, ~~one at~~ rising from 2 fireplaces, one at the east end of the center section rising from a fireplace in each floor, (these are heating fireplaces) and a large fire place once used for cooking as well as heat in the old house that decayed and had to be removed in 1951.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

old fireplace perhaps 1735-40.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐lasaphy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The largest wing of this farmhouse was built by Miss Hannah Evans of Philadelphia in 1877 for her summer home. The middle section was probably built about 1800. The small wing is a recent (1951) replacement of the old log house that belonged to Aquilla Massey of Col. <sup>Nathan</sup> Bagbie's small band of followers who penetrated this northern outpost of Col. Bagbie's domain in about 1735. Aquilla Massey's widow Sarah married Bagbie's son James, ~~and they are~~ believed to have lived here, perhaps until Col. Bagbie died in 1750, <sup>after</sup> when he lived at the Bagbie House (#4). Only the old fireplace, oven, and chimney remain.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mason, Samuel. Historical Sketches of Harford County p 48  
 interview with one of the owners, Mr. Roger Selva.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND	

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title Search  
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Meadow Farm Estates  
Route 1  
Darlington, MD 21034

	671	331	8/20/1964	Grantor: John A. Silver and Marjorie A. Silver, his wife Grantee: Esther N. Jaeger and Roger Silver Acreage: 45 acres more or less
GRG	559	149	7/5/1960	Grantor: Francis S. Silver, et al Grantee: John A. Silver
GCB	263	315	4/1/1949	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Edith W.S. Silver Grantee: Her children: "my residence property known as "Meadow Farm" and all farming equipment thereon to all my children surviving me in equal shares."
GCB	263	315	10/4/1940	Grantor: F. Algernon Evans, et al, substitute trustee Grantee: Edith W.S. Silver
RLS	62	550	10/4/1940	Grantor: Hanna B. Evans and Last Will and Testament of Thomas Evans, deceased Grantee: Edith W.S. Silver
DGW	186	98	5/10/1911	Grantor: John Wistar and Jonathan Evans Grantee: Hanna B. Evans
RLS	52	550	12/4/1871	Grantor: Catherine Evans Grantee: John Wistar and Jonathan Evans
RLS	62	550	5/13/1868	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Thomas Evans, deceased Grantee: Catherine Evans Acreage: Buildings
HD	21	109	9/6/1837	Grantor: Isaac Massey Grantee: Aquila Massey Acreage: "Phillip's Purchase"
JLG	P	205	8/11/1800	Grantor: Heirs of James Rigbie (deceased) Grantee: Isaac Massey Acreage: "Phillip's Purchase"

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Description.....continued

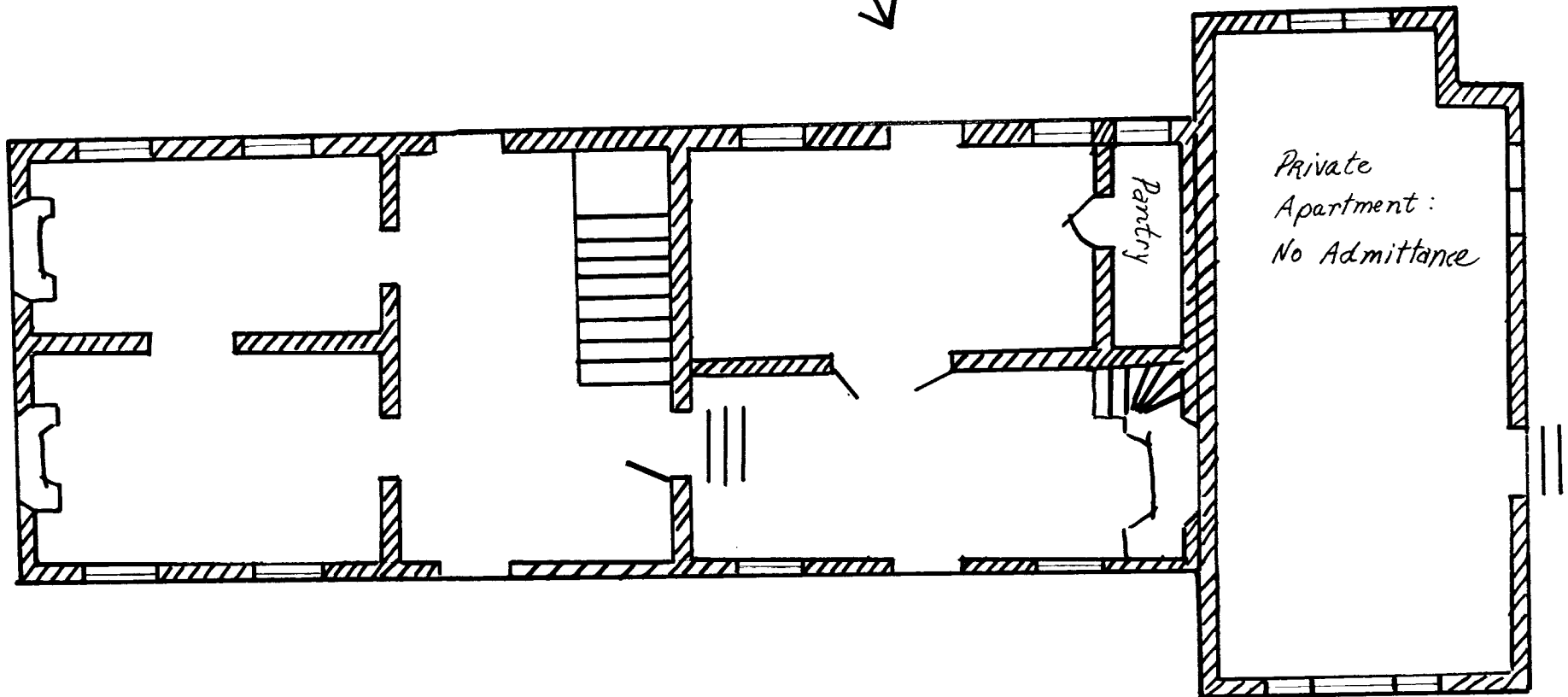
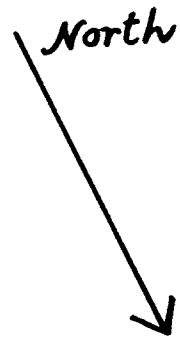
light transom is near the center and a window near the south end is eight lights over eight. The second elevation of this facade hangs over the first elevation and is supported by four square columns. The overhang is about one foot. A three sided bay has been added to the second elevation there are two 6/6 windows on the bay. A pedimented center gable is directly over this bay. It has an oval, louvered vent in the center. On the north end is a diamond-shaped, louvered, vent. Beneath that is a pair of 6/6 windows. Changes in the roof slope are highly visible on the west facade.

Inside this unit is divided into two rooms on each floor. A kitchen and dining room are on the first floor. A kitchen is in the west room and is incorporated into the 1880's addition. The dining room is in the original kitchen. A fireplace is located on the north wall and winding stairs are boxed into the northwest corner of the room.

Samuel Mason, Jr., a relative of the Evans Family, wrote in his Historical Sketches of Harford County, "The dwelling was built in two parts, the larger probably about 1830 while the central section and kitchen were standing during the revolution. The kitchen, previous to recent alterations, was not log but built of frame with hewn slabs of poplar dropped between the studding; and these were then weatherboarded over. This method of building antedates the log cabin where the land was settled by English people as they built frame houses with filled interstices in England and habits are hard to change."

A private apartment with a separate entrance has been constructed out of the rubble stone and frame unit which was a storage unit for the house. It has been altered drastically.

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Darlington, MD    21034  
Susan M. Deeney  
April, 1978  
Northwest



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Southwest